

Board Work Session

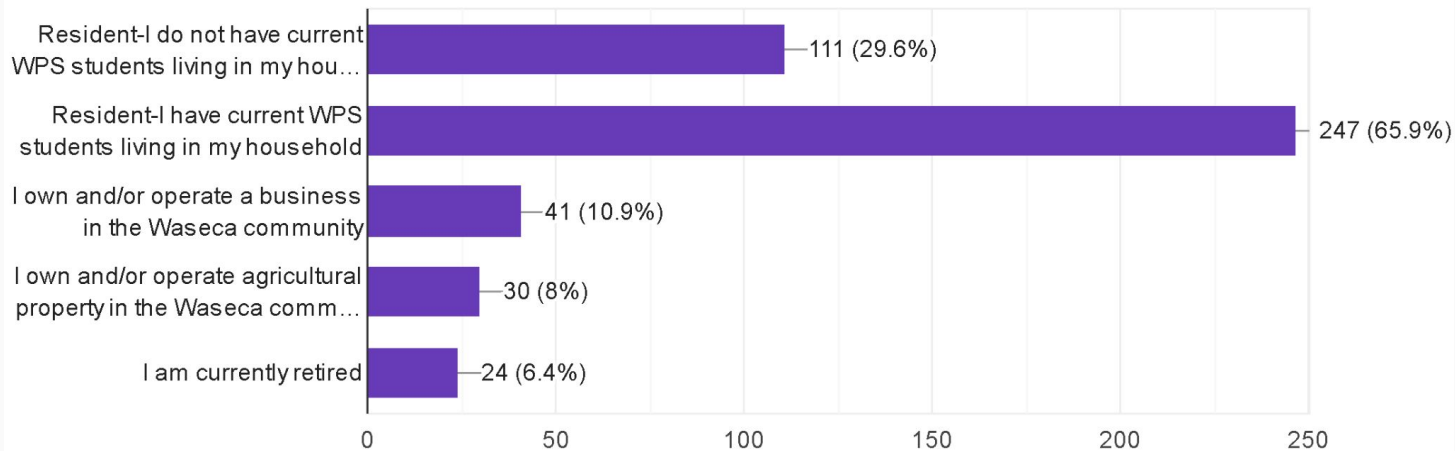
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Website Survey Results-379 Responses

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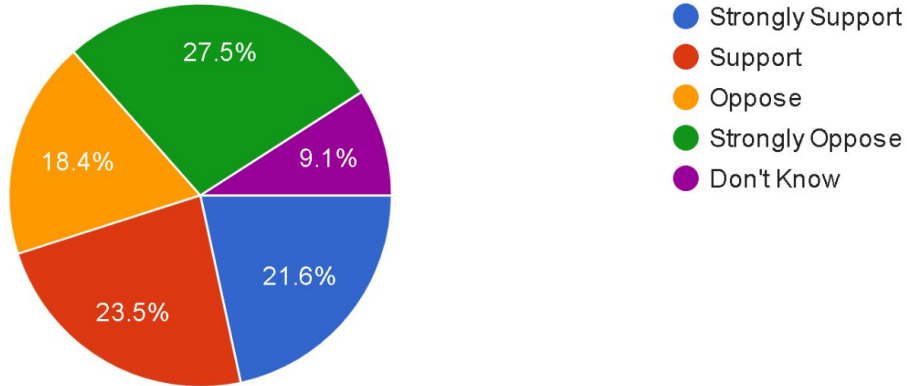
375 responses



Results-Remodel Hartley

If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum?

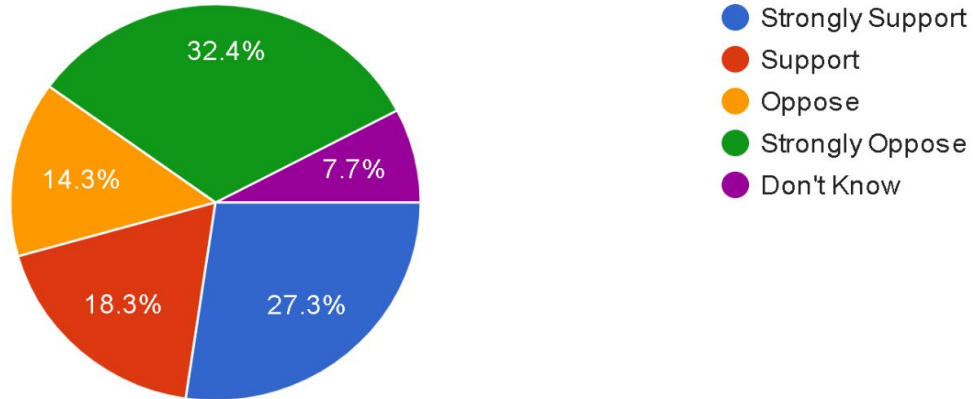
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Results-Addition to WIS

If the election were today, would you support or oppose this bond referendum?

377 responses



Support/Oppose Notes

- Remodeling Hartley
 - Support/strongly support: 45.1%
 - Oppose/strongly oppose: 45.9%
 - Don't know: 9.1%
- Addition to WIS
 - Support/strongly support: 45.6%
 - Oppose/strongly oppose: 46.7%
 - Don't know: 7.7%

Support/Oppose Notes

- 107 respondents support/strongly support both options
- 118 respondents oppose/strongly oppose both options
- 62 respondents support/strongly support only remodeling Hartley
- 63 respondents support/strongly support only addition to WIS

Comment Themes

Themes in Comments

- Differing views of building condition
 - Buildings are just fine/we need to do something as soon as possible
- Tax comments relate to overall taxation in Waseca
 - Taxes are high, questions about whether now is the right time
- Questions needing to be answered
 - What would happen to Hartley building if abandoned?
 - Traffic at WIS/JSBS site
 - This survey did not include ag land impact in an attempt to keep it short, but that is information that the community needs/wants
- More information needed
 - Perception that Central is empty
 - How many empty buildings does the district have?

Other Thoughts

- Other suggestions included variations of using other sites such as Central
- There does appear to be some understanding of the buildings' needs, but it is paired with an acknowledgement of challenging timing
- Some comments regarding items that are not district related or lack of information on particular topics
 - City projects/programs
 - Perception of previous bond money not being used wisely or going to staffing
 - Why we weren't able to maintain the buildings historically
- Comments indicating support mention needing a modern, healthy learning environment for students and there was similar support for both presented ideas

Additional Facility Planning Information

- Property Values in Waseca and Surrounding Townships
 - Federal Interest Rate Increase Expectation
 - Other Consultant Input-Engagement and Timing
 - Morris-Leatherman Survey Results Presented 5/19
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- Goal: Finish gathering feedback information and present to the Board with the hope of making decision on “next steps” at June Board work session and regular meeting

<i>COUNTA of Timestamp</i>		<i>WIS Addition - support or oppose</i>						
<i>Hartley Remodel - support or oppose</i>		1 Strongly Oppose	2 Oppose	3 Don't Know	4 Support	5 Strongly Support	Grand Total	
		2				1	2	5
1 Strongly Oppose		77	4		2	9	11	103
2 Oppose		13	23		1	15	17	69
3 Don't Know		5	1	17		9	2	34
4 Support		14	16		5	25	28	88
5 Strongly Support		13	10		4	10	44	81
Grand Total		2	122	54	29	69	104	380

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	\$14 a year for a renovated building is a no brainer and a deal.	5 Strongly Support	Whatever we have to do to get updated facilities we need to do. Make it happen.	I have kids in both the Intermediate school and Elementary. Both facilities are in need of updating and renovation. I strongly support moving forward either way. Waiting will only make the projects more expensive.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	It's not asking for that much money. People wasting gas waiting in line to spend \$8+ for a cup of coffee per day, the money can be put to better use.	5 Strongly Support	See previous reason stated above. :)	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	It's for a good cause and the safety of students and people's children that attend.	5 Strongly Support	The money would go for a great cause so it would be worth it.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is just too old. These kids need a clean/good air quality/good water quality facility	5 Strongly Support	These kids need a better facility	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	A 'slight' change to property taxes is completely worth it for me as a home owner, if that means my children will be benefited from a newly renovated school. Whether that is better HVAC systems, or a large separate gym space. I also agree that many classrooms should be updated.	5 Strongly Support	Same as above.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is paramount to the overall development of our next generations. Having a modern facility will bolster their experience.	5 Strongly Support	Same as above. Waseca schools are behind and should be brought up to speed.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Every teacher and student should have comfort, and space in their rooms. This will help with learning for the children	5 Strongly Support	Same as above	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	There is demonstrated need that Hartley needs to improved/remodeled.	5 Strongly Support	I think have K-6 in one building is a good idea.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is incredibly important and worth funding.	5 Strongly Support	Again, education is incredibly important. I like this one a little less because that area of town is already incredibly congested, and I prefer the idea of having the elementary kids away from intermediate due to bullying/general kids can be arseholes problems the youngest ones might face.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	My child cannot even drink the water at Hartley! Our community has outgrown this building and our 3rd graders deserve to be in an area that has daylight, and a decent temperature to ensure the best learning. My child tells me their rooms are constantly super cold or super hot. There is NEVER a good temperature. How does that impact the learning for these children. WE are SO lucky to have AMAZING staff at Hartley that do everything possible to make the best learning outcome for our children!!!	5 Strongly Support	For the same reasons as above PLUS it would be great to have a campus feel for our school district. It seems as if this would make bussing/ pickups a little easier and hopefully we could rearrange some grade levels. I would love to see K-5 in the new building and put 6-8 back in the Intermediate school. 7th and 8th graders just seem way to young to try and transition into high schoolers. I feel this would help with some behaviors we see from students that age. The high school could then be an actual 9-12 building again.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	This school is AMAZING, let's keep it that way by updating what needs updating!	5 Strongly Support	Great school	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Our children need safe drinking water and should NOT be exposed to dangerous levels of lead in their water every single day. Our elementary teachers should not be having to exterminate bugs that come out of their drains to maintain a clean environment for their students. Our elementary teachers deserve classroom and office space that are accessible to ALL children. Our EL students should not have to go to a space behind the gym just to receive the support they desperately need. Students can't learn in a space that feels unsafe. Families won't want to send their children to a school that exposes their children to dangerous materials like lead, asbestos, unclean air, etc. This isn't rocket science. Our teachers, students, and community members deserve a SAFE space to raise our children. As a newly-married couple (hoping to start having children in the next few years), I find it really hard to justify raising a family in a community where my children will be exposed to a variety of really harmful chemicals and substances. I would sooner move to Owatonna and send my children to their elementary school and then reenroll in the Waseca public system once they are 4th grade.	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Our community needs to support elementary education for our children to have a comfortable learning environment.	5 Strongly Support	Very minimal cost difference between upgrades to a brand new facility that will last long-term.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	The school building does not reflect our community's commitment to our students. All improvement efforts at this time go to just keeping the building safe for the students.	5 Strongly Support	Same answer as before. The school building does not reflect our community's commitment to our students. All improvement efforts at this time go to just keeping the building safe for the students. We need to do something big, not just "put out fires."	My preference would be to maintain the Hartley building while constructing a new facility. Upon completion of the new building, move all k-3 students to the new building and demolition the old building.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is absolutely to key to our children's success. If we can't support the schools we have bigger problems.	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I will be having a child at Hartley for the next ten years, I am hopeful that the improvements to the school will help the overall learning environment for all.	5 Strongly Support	A new school would be even better because it would allow better security, air quality, HVAC, space and technology opportunities that wouldn't be achieved with an update to the current building/space.	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Have kids	5 Strongly Support	Have kids	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	5 Strongly Support	We need the best facilities for the children of our district. I have great-grandchildren in grades Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade.	5 Strongly Support	Same answer as I gave for the other option. I want the best facilities possible for the children of this district.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	We have to invest in the future of Waseca Public Schools	5 Strongly Support	Invest in future of WPS	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	The more money for public schools, the better.	5 Strongly Support	The more money for public schools, the better.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	We are new to the community, and I've only been to the school once, but it's very crowded and every room is at capacity. There's no space for anything extra.	5 Strongly Support	Kids need room to spread out.	
	5 Strongly Support	As a teacher who continues to work at Hartley, I know that teachers and students have outgrown the limitations of the facility. The building's critical infrastructure are unreliable, we cannot drink Hartley water safely due to lead contamination, and students are not able to use particular classroom spaces due to mold and other concerns. We have outgrown Hartley current configuration with 440 students annually. Students and teachers face limitations in terms of health, physical safety, ADA accessibility, scheduling with the instructional spaces available, and storage. The backlog of major maintenance needed in the building continues to grow if it is left unaddressed. We have 'kicked the bucket' down the road as far as I believe that we reasonably can. As it stands, Hartley is impeding the instructional demands of students. We need better.	5 Strongly Support	As a teacher who continues to work at Hartley, I know that teachers and students have outgrown the limitations of the facility. The building's critical infrastructure are unreliable, we cannot drink Hartley water safely due to lead contamination, and students are not able to use particular classroom spaces due to mold and other concerns. We have outgrown Hartley current configuration with 440 students annually. Students and teachers face limitations in terms of health, physical safety, ADA accessibility, scheduling with the instructional spaces available, and storage. The backlog of major maintenance needed in the building continues to grow if it is left unaddressed. We have 'kicked the bucket' down the road as far as I believe that we reasonably can. As it stands, Hartley is impeding the instructional demands of students. We need better.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Students and school facilities are an investment in the future. It is sad when your children say they cannot drink school water or that my child learns in the basement.	5 Strongly Support	This would allow for sharing of resources between wish and Hartley.	I think the better option is to add by wis but I support both choices.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is important and so is the learning environment. Hartley is an older school and needs updates.	5 Strongly Support	It would be nice to have all the schools located close to each other. Easier for bussing as well. Also, see answer above.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley elementary is in desperate need of renovations to improve quality of life and education for both students and staff.	5 Strongly Support	The building requires a large amount of upgrades, so building a new facility could potentially be the best option.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	The school need to be worked on or add on to WIS or. Bring the kids to the central building	5 Strongly Support	It needs to be done before kids get sick	Add on to WIS or send kids over it Central
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I value education and know that the needs of updating Hartley are valid!	5 Strongly Support	I value education and know that the needs for updating our elementary are valid. I like the idea of the school campus and moving the elementary to the site near the other schools. It seems the most logical decision know the costs for updating Hartley are somewhat similar to building a new school at a more ideal location for our entire District.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Something needs to be done to make Hartley safer for our kids.	5 Strongly Support	Our Elementary students need a better place to learn.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is an imperative for a bright future and a functioning society. Providing and maintaining a safe and healthy site for educating our populace is the duty of all citizens.	5 Strongly Support	Education is an imperative for a bright future and a functioning society. Providing and maintaining a safe and healthy site for educating our populace is the duty of all citizens.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is in need of a lot of work and our students would greatly benefit from facility improvements.	5 Strongly Support	Creating a new elementary school attached to WIS could create additional opportunities to share facilities and staff between buildings. This could be a huge benefit as the district looks at ways to utilize staffing efficiently.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	5 Strongly Support	It would be better to have schools in one location	5 Strongly Support	Best place to locate Hartley	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	If it wasn't an important topic and there wasn't a need for it the school wouldn't ask.	5 Strongly Support	same as above	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education is vital for a community	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I have a child in Hartley and know how bad they need some remodeling.	5 Strongly Support	Same as above answer.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is not a good environment for learning and the air quality is not good.	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is in desperate need of repairs. It is falling apart and the air quality is not good.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	We need good schools & to continue to keep our buildings in acceptable conditions.	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	We love waseca schools, updating is necessary.	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley NEEDS to be completely renovated. Our students and staff need a healthy and updated school.	4 Support	I think that this is the best option. Hartley has a bunch of issues and I think that this would be the better option by far.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Our kids are our future, they need a quality space to learn in.	4 Support		

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is an outdated building that either needs major maintenance to extend its life by a small amount, very major renovation, or complete rebuilding. I don't support major maintenance, the building, staff, and community would be better served by at least a very major renovation / remodel.	4 Support	The way these questions are worded is unclear. What is the difference between "remodel and expansion" (option 1) and "addition to the current site" (option 2)? Is "addition to the current site" just leaving hartley as-is and sticking another building on? Isn't an "addition to the current site" the same as "expansion"?	As a Hartley neighborhood member, I appreciate having a school nearby. I understand there are challenges with having separate buildings in Waseca (foodservice, busing, etc), but I greatly appreciate communities where schools are a part of the town, not a "suburban" complex of all grades on the outskirts. And traffic is bad enough near WIS, putting all grades out there would only make it worse. I like the "extensively renovate / expand / modernize" Hartley option for these reasons.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I strongly support our schools and the value it adds to our community. I like the idea of Hartley remaining in it's current location.	4 Support	I support this option as well, if it's deemed the best for the community, although I prefer the remodel option.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is a very special school, and Waseca takes great pride in all of our schools. I think in order to continue to attract the best staff and teachers, we need to continue to invest in our schools. This affects our entire community.	4 Support	I guess as long as one of the two schools gets updated/re-constructed, that would be great. A new building would be wonderful because everything would be new; more efficient and more effective. However, I'm wondering about playground equipment at WIS. I know playgrounds are very expensive, and I'm guessing there would be additional costs to build more equipment at WIS? Plus a huge amount of additional traffic if both schools were in the same space. Those would be my concerns.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Education Has always been the base of this community	4 Support	I just wonder what would become of the old elementary school	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support	The Hartley Building has been a strong and done its job for many years, but we need a change. There are too many things "going wrong" or "bad" in the building that it is affecting learning, community building, teacher moral and student access.	4 Support		Buildings need to be updated and repaired on a regular basis in order to continue to function and support the needs of those who use it.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Our students deserve better than what they have right now! It's time to move forward. Too many issues-we keep putting bandaids on and not fixing the problems. When a building is that old you will constantly be fixing! You walk into that building and the smell hits you. I'm sure there is mold everywhere. Let's do this!	4 Support	Same as above! We need updated spaces for our students and staff.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Keep the school centrally located as opposed to outside of town I would vote yes on 31 million or more to fund something like this	3 Don't Know	Putting elementary students with middle school seems odd and does not address any concerns at Hartley	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I have 3 more children to attend Hartley and I feel it is not up to date. The school needs improvements to best serve our students.	3 Don't Know	I don't know if I feel the elementary and WIS should be combined. I would prefer separate spaces.	I would most prefer a new elementary school separate from WIS. Either remodel Hartley or construct an entirely new school.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is a great school. Waseca needs to continue to have an elementary school with good air quality.	3 Don't Know	It would be nice to have all the schools in one general location but the access points for additional traffic would need to be addressed. What would happen to the current Hartley location? We don't need another empty building in town	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Schools are an important role in our children's lives and they need and should be upgraded and maintained properly for a safe place for our children.	3 Don't Know	I think that elementary schools should be separate from the Intermediate school for age group. I'm not opposed to the idea I just think keeping the kids at separate buildings is a better idea.	I like the first option better than the second. I think Hartley is a nice facility just needs updating. My vote is remodel hartley
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	These are much needed for the safety and educational experience of our children. This continues use on an existing structure and keeps the children together not separated, allowing for a truly equal learning experience for every child.	2 Oppose	I believe if there is ability to remodel and use the existing space it would be in the best interest of the community. Also adding another building does not address the issues with the current building that appears would still be in use, hence segregating student learning experiences.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Updates and expansion to Hartley Elementary have been needed for a long time	2 Oppose	Bad / busy location. The beginning and end of the day traffic is already a problem at WIS and WJSH so adding another school, especially an elementary school, would not be ideal at all.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Better use of resources to achieve needs at minimum cost.	2 Oppose	Highly skeptical that actual cost of a new elementary school will be this low. Between inflation and current economic conditions I don't know if this is the best option or if the community will support this.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Things need updating better for kids 9	2 Oppose	Feel need to have separate school	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley hasn't changed much since I was there in 1990, with a child currently in kindergarten and possibly having more kids I think this will benefit our community.	2 Oppose	I don't really like the fact that grades K-7 would all be in 1 area. You'd have so many classes going on plus everyone in those grades need to eat in one area it seems.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		2 Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support	I think the current space should be remodeled and remain separate from WIS.	2 Oppose	I do not feel that combining elementary age students in the same facility structure as intermediate is the best solution, particularly because of the differences in behaviors, etc. I realize it may result in the loss of some efficiencies gained in staffing or busing, but I would prefer the schools remain separate.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I will always support investment in education. Our kids deserve up to date and well maintained school spaces	2 Oppose	If I understand right, would this be a replacement of the Hartley space? I'd 100% rather see an elementary school remain in its current location if at all possible	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I want u to o send my kids to a safe building that doesn't smell like mildew.	2 Oppose	I would prefer to keep Hartley at its current location.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Because Hartley is important to our community.	2 Oppose	We have a great location now and I feel like it would create additional congestion as well as confusion for little kids	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Because the kids are our future and they should have adequate learning space available.	1 Strongly Oppose	My pers opinion is that it's important to keep the kids separate still. Hartley kids are very different maturity level vs WIS kids. I'm happy my kids got to go to a separate hartley building away from older kids.	

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Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Don't want a elementary school built on the edge of town where there is tone of traffic already! Can't beat the location kids can walk to school there.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as above elementary kids are to small and young to get to that area!	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Currently surrounding Hartley there is space and a decent building — why not renovate and utilize existing space?	1 Strongly Oppose	I do not like the idea of combining the elementary school students with the older students. Plus, what would happen to Hartley? Another building sitting empty? Utilize the space you have!	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support	This school has been around for many many years and it would be a shame to lose it or see it sit empty.	1 Strongly Oppose	This side of town is already very busy with the high school right there. The little kids do not need to be in the same school as older kids, we are not that small of a town to combine all the kids. Especially when we have other options (schools) available.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support		1 Strongly Oppose	I like the younger kids away from all the business of that area.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		1 Strongly Oppose		
				While I do not currently have children old enough to attend WPS, my children will be future Bluejays and creating a large "campus" for all our children to attend does not feel like the small town that I wanted my children to go to school in. The traffic out by the high school and WIS is absolutely crazy already. Adding additional students to that area is only going to make that worse. Families in that area that cannot get busing (due to their proximity to the schools) will likely drive their young children to school as they wouldn't want their young children being amongst the traffic.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is in a great part of town for young children to have safe accessibility to school.	1 Strongly Oppose	If the addition to WIS was approved, I would strongly consider sending my children to Sacred Heart for those years.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Hartley is a great school and I feel that remodeling it is a way better option than a brand new school.	1 Strongly Oppose	Hartley is a great school and I feel that remodeling it is a way better option than a brand new school.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Maintain the neighborhood school feeling, plenty of adjoining property to utilize.	1 Strongly Oppose	I believe it's important to keep these age students separated from one another, the traffic would be unreal and its not conducive to letting kids of that age walk or bike to school.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	I feel we should use what we have! We are all for remodeling.	1 Strongly Oppose	It's unnecessary.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support		1 Strongly Oppose	It would create a safety issue bringing more children and more vehicles to the north part of town.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	5 Strongly Support	Why not keep a school that is functional and just upgrade.	1 Strongly Oppose	There's no reason to tear down a facility that's functional just to have something shiny and new. Plus the traffic in and out of WIS is terrible now and you want to add more. No Thank you!	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	5 Strongly Support	Enrollment district wide is decreasing. We should be utilizing the current facilities we have.	1 Strongly Oppose	We need to utilize the current facilities and remodel versus build.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	At bare minimum, something must be done to better the learning environment at Hartley.	5 Strongly Support	Of the two, this is by far the better option to provide for our students and staff in the long run. It would also help address a couple needs at WIS.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	My daughter went to Hartley and the downstairs classrooms had no natural light. My parent has worked for the WPS and the extra work that goes into the building can be avoided by updates, remodel or even a new building. I live near Hartley and just want to see our kids of Waseca schools comfortable and excited to learn.	5 Strongly Support	The building is old and some of the issues could be improved or fixed. The heating and cooling, the gym/lunchroom are things that need attention.	My biggest concern is the traffic congestion between WIS and JSHS after school. Adding a building or addition would mean that much more traffic and its already difficult to navigate around cars stopped in the street trying to go through the circle drive and its dangerous for walkers and buses at the stop signs.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I would support this option if it was this or nothing.	5 Strongly Support	I want Waseca Schools to have best facilities and resources possible to make our community not only attractive to others but to be a sense of pride for those of us who are already here. There is something to be said about having all the school on one campus.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		What would be done with Hartley if a new elementary school was built as an addition to WIS?
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	4 Support	The Building needs to be Improved! It is a great, centrally located spot for elementary kids walking to school. Its in a good neighborhood.	5 Strongly Support	Something needs to be done to solve the Hartley situation. This option is not a prime location for children to walk to. The traffic at this location is horrendous now with the current schools. Millions would be needed to revamp it. Which would be added via town taxes or the county taxes. Even though it won't be in the bond referendum, you need to include that in your estimate if you decide to go this direction.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	The work is needed for our students	5 Strongly Support	I like the idea of having all the elementary students on one site.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I like that Hartley is in it's own space and away from the big kids. However, from what I hear, it is not a great idea to redo Hartley. Too much needs to be done.	5 Strongly Support	Hartley needs a new space, but I worry about little kids being across the highway and so close to the high school.	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Paying to improve my students education environment	5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	If this were the choice it needs to be done, but I think it's a crappy building that should be replaced, rather than put money into it.	5 Strongly Support	This is the best option and needs to be done. I don't believe the Hartley building should be used for students any longer.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Education is very important for our youth and as a parent of children in the Waseca School district, this is a much needed project to ensure a positive learning environment for my children along with every other child.	5 Strongly Support	The amount to remodel the current Hartley building is within a decent range of starting completely over.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I will always support the kids in this community	5 Strongly Support	if you can build new for just a bit more than a re-model, I think that is a better investment	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I have young children in Waseca and feel strongly about a facility that can best meet the needs of the community. I am also a staff member and know the current situation and need for improvement of the elementary building. While I love the location of Hartley, the building itself is in need of a lot of repair and remodel. With the remodel, it would still have the same structure which could result in more and sooner fixes than a new addition.	5 Strongly Support	I would support this for the same reasons as before. As stated, the neighborhood feel would be greatly missed at Hartley but the structure and cost difference to get a new facility seems to make more sense in my opinion.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I am not opposed to remodeling Hartley if there is no good use for the building after the elementary students leave. But I feel like it would be easier to have a more forward-looking facility if one could be designed from scratch.	5 Strongly Support	It seems like centralizing elementary and middle school would allow for opportunities for shared staff, for students to mentor younger ones, and for fewer drop-offs for families with multiple young students. Planning for parent drop-off/pick-up and SAC space could be designed into an new facility rather than continuing to retrofit Hartley for changing school transportation and family needs.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	4 Support	I have grandchildren in WPS and feel we need to support the education of all our children.	5 Strongly Support	The question is "How do we provide efficient and effective educational opportunities for the citizens of our community?" This option creates efficiencies in transportation, special ed, foodservice, maintenance and other efficiencies that a single campus would bring. If we remodel Hartley we still have an old school. With the school building demolished the Hartley property could be returned to private ownership and become a tax paying property or divided into many tax paying properties.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I feel it is important for students and staff to have a safe and efficient learning/teaching environment.	5 Strongly Support	Having the elementary school attached to the intermediate school would make it easier for parents who have children in multiple grade levels that are unable to utilize the bus system. I also believe that the cost of maintaining one building may be more cost effective than having two separate buildings.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	It is needed	5 Strongly Support	Prefer new building versus upgrading a losing battle of the current building	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support	Referendums are important.	5 Strongly Support	Education is important to me, and providing a comfortable, up to date facility is important too. Especially when it is an option (as in, living in a community that can afford it). At some point building a new facility is going to be the only option, why continue to stick money into a building that will be closed one day due to bandaids no longer sticking to hold it together.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I would support ANY plan to get our community a new building. Remodeling the current building would not be my first choice but if it is the only choice YES, YES, YES!	5 Strongly Support	The currently Hartley building is so old with so many needs. I feel like money would be better spent by building something new.	Continue educating the community about what Hartley is like. Ask for a bond referendum as soon as we can.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support	Strong schools lead to a growing town. However, we are already taxed highly in this town. The council needs to reduce taxes elsewhere to make it happen.	5 Strongly Support	Better to have a new school all connected	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Not that much of an increase per year and I would gladly pay for a school more than I am for other things this city has approved	4 Support	School is important but it would be sad to see another empty building in Waseca	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	4 Support	Having children go through Hartley I know the challenges they have on all the issues mentioned.	4 Support	Same reasons as first question	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I went to this school 30 years ago and now my child is going there and it looks the same. An update would be a good thing!	4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		Are the school systems not getting money from Gov Walz this FY or next for E-12 schools? Some money is better than no money.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		The other thing that should be added is a full wrestling facility that is just dedicated to wrestling and not sharing with gym classes downstairs. With the wide variety of skin diseases in this sport, they need a room that can be just for them.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
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Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Education is the backbone of our community. Safe and welcoming schools are highly important to me as they should be to all citizens.	4 Support	I only support this because of my previous answer / comment.	It is clearly up to the citizens what the outcome of this will be. However, the leadership of the schools, school board, city leadership and citizens must get on the same page. It is very clear that not all of those mentioned are on the same page as the others. Taxes are VERY high already in the Waseca community and I believe that unfortunately will be a difficult sell to those that do not necessarily have investment in Waseca other than just being a resident. The school leadership and school board have a big task at hand to promote and sell this idea whether it is needed or not. I strongly encourage the school leadership and school board to look very closely at what the future is for Waseca when determining what to do with the schools moving forward. I believe that WIS is a great school but question if there was deep thought put into the future seeing the school is not exactly "old" and cost the taxpayers a boat load already. I question why the Central Building (Middle School) is not considered as a possibility or even being discussed as an option. It appears that the school is being utilized currently which tells me there is no honest reason to not consider utilizing it moving forward in planning versus other highly expensive options. The city has changed tremendously over the last 20 or so years with the loss of industry and business. We now have a community that seems to encourage it's citizens to look elsewhere for employment and just being a happy bedroom community kicking the can down the road style. It is going to take everyone's effort to get Waseca and it's schools to where we need to be. My support will not waiver...
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	As a resident with all my children attending Hartley and also an employee of the school district I have seen and been in the work place of Hartley. This building needs so many repairs and it is causing safety and health concerns to our students in our building with water needing to be brought in from Culligan so students can receive drinking water in their school day. The boiler systems do not work properly as some rooms are freezing while others are extremely warm throughout the winter season. This makes it very difficult for our students to feel comfortable and work at their best without needing their coats or taking a layer off when the rooms are too warm. Remodeling or a new building of Hartley is greatly needed!	4 Support	A new school for Hartley is greatly needed, but the only concern I see is the transportation concerns of having all school buildings in that area with the traffic issues we are currently experiencing. An altered school daily schedule would need to be in place to cut down traffic flow in that area. The advantage of combining a K-6 building would help with staff shortages and also helps families keep children in school buildings close together when transportation them to school. I am for either option as something needs to be done with Hartley.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I like remodeling if we have enough space for all kids.	4 Support	I like this option if we need more space for kids.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support	Because if we don't do this now it will only cost more later. The seamless education of our students is a top priority.	4 Support	Same as above.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	While I can barely pay my bills as it is and would not enjoy a tax increase, I work for a neighboring school district that recently did a large remodeling project, and I trust the leaders at schools when they say improvements are necessary.	4 Support	Same as above.	NA
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	By the time the remodel would be a reality My child would no longer be attending.	4 Support	By the time the school would be a reality My child would no longer be attending.	Remodel would be my preference as it would be best to keep the use of the building as long as possible rather than seeing another building be put to minimal use
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I personally went to Hartley and I think it need updates or rebuilt	4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	We need to keep the buildings our kids in safe	4 Support	Buildings need to be safe	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		4 Support		
I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	4 Support	Invest in education	4 Support	Investment in education	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support	I know Hartley needs some serious updates.	3 Don't Know		

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I would also like to see the water quality issue be included in the remodeling/repairs. I would support this option because it does not leave another building empty in the community, keeps elementary and middle school kids separate, and the traffic is manageable.	3 Don't Know	To support this option, there would have to be enough classroom space added to ensure smaller class sizes than what Hartley currently has. There would also need to be some consideration taken as to what would happen to the current Hartley building.	Our taxes in this city are outrageously high in comparison with other towns in the state. The taxes keep going up driving people out of this community and to other surrounding communities. We do not have enough businesses in this community to absorb enough of the cost of ever increasing taxes to put up buildings new buildings with the reasoning behind it being that you can't afford to maintain the buildings already in place but then continue to use that building. I also feel strongly that junior high kids should not be at the high school with high school students. WIS should've remained the Junior High and then proposed a building for elementary and middle school or left middle school at Central as it was a good fit for middle school kids. It's frustrating as a member of this community who has children in the district to continue to have new buildings built that don't always serve the best purpose for those involved.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Good schools are worth the money	3 Don't Know	Not sure if a new building is the right solution or not. Would need to hear more about why it's needed. Can't we just remodel WIS as well?	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	4 Support		3 Don't Know		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	The school is really out of date and needs an upgrade plus the water issues and air quality needs to be improved.	3 Don't Know	The congestion is really bad in that area now then add 1 more school there it's going to be a big mess!	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	It seems like a shocking amount of money. I'm sure the homework and research has been done to justify the amount. I think using the building we already have is a better option than taking away more farm land and leaving another building empty in town.	2 Oppose	If we can improve the buildings we have I think that is a better option. I can't imagine the drop off and pick up nightmare it would create to have the elementary school and intermediate school that close together. People can't seem to follow procedure now, to make drop off and pick up easier for everyone. If you double the vehicles vying for space at one location, it could be a mess.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		2 Oppose	I prefer the option to remodel Hartley	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Needs to be updated. We already have one school they said was unusable and built a new one. However, the unusable school is still being fully used.	2 Oppose	What happens with Hartley?	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I think the building is still very useable but would like to see it updated and maintained.	2 Oppose	I like having the separation of the school age care, ALC, preschool and elementary. Keep them physically spaced.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I don't want to see an empty school that could be updated	2 Oppose	The area is a traffic cluster and will be worse if you add another school to the mix. Too many cars dropping off and picking up students now.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I like the location of the current school. I feel the increase in traffic to one area would be unmanageable.	2 Oppose	I don't agree with having all the schools in one location due to traffic issues. I also don't want to see another empty abandoned building in Waseca.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		2 Oppose	I like the idea of having the elementary kids on their own school.	
I am currently retired	4 Support	Elementary education is important and requires the proper environment for students and faculty. Continued use of existing facilities makes sense if it can be done economically. Building new presents challenges plus there is the issue of what to do with the existing structure.	2 Oppose	I think elementary students should be separated from older students as their educational needs are different.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		2 Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	The little kids need a better quality environment to learn	2 Oppose	I just can't tell if you mean like the old CIS building being the new elementary school or if you're just adding onto the "old" Jr High school (which is now intermediate school)	We just built a whole new school...
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		2 Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I do support this plan but would like to see additional work done on the Central building as well. Waseca does not need any more empty buildings. Keeping the preschool, daycare and additional education there seems to work but needs updating as well. Hartley is greatly outdated and maxed out on extracurricular space but has a great outdoor space for the children. The use of the cafeteria/gym space is insanity and there needs to be more so that is why I support this plan.	2 Oppose	Waseca doesn't need another empty building in Hartley (or Central Building depending on how things moved). I would want to see a better overall plan. Will the Central building be sold? Hartley sold? If one is kept will repairs be made on the building kept? Are you just prolonging another project? Also money seemed to be poorly spent with the last referendum at the Jr./Sr. High, who can better monitor this money to be spent to ensure the key items are taken care of not just the visually pleasing items?	Overall my plan would be to add on to Hartley with a new gym, updated mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Same updates to the Central building. Use and maintain what you have. But in the end something needs to be done.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Because I would have children who would benefit from this and I value the quality of the facilities they will attend.	2 Oppose	I would feel better about remodeling an existing than building new. The cost is lower by \$4 million and we wouldn't have an empty building that still carries expenses to maintain or if bulldozed unnecessarily end up in our landfills. What lesson does that teach our kids? Besides, the area surrounding the CIS is susceptible to flooding as we saw in 2016. Who wants to deal with a flooded school?	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	4 Support		2 Oppose	Too much traffic already in this area. Busy Highway.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Better to add onto an existing school than add on to one that's built on a swamp	2 Oppose	You fooled us the first time when you built the school and all that you really wanted it for was a gym and gymnastics area	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I like having a school for the littler kiddos.	2 Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Hartley is a great space, that needs updating. I don't think the added traffic would do any good to the parents and students in the Northwest part of town.	1 Strongly Oppose	The traffic in this area is already chaotic. Adding another school would only increase this. I would also be concerned with what would happen to the Hartley building if this were the option.	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Hartley is a great school for students and needs to be well maintained for students safety and learning.	1 Strongly Oppose	Young students in hartley school should not be in the same building as older students because of maturity levels, more bullying, safety, etc. My son has learned many things when he was in kindergarten from the bolder kids at jays nest that was NOT appropriate. If they are able to have interactions with each other during school, thats concerning given the age gap.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	The current location is ideal.	1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	If a remodel is feasible, why not do that versus abandoning a good building? I also fear overpopulation if we combine two schools which is the issue we have at the high school	1 Strongly Oppose	We already cram 6 grades into the high school which seems to be overpopulated during passing times and lunches, I can't imagine cramming 7 grades into WIS even with an addition. Drop off and pick up times are already a nightmare also and this would make it worse. I would need more details to be onboard with housing 7 grades in one school.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	4 Support	There is no need to build a new school when one is already established and it would be better to fix it than to build new one and leave it empty.	1 Strongly Oppose	No need to build a new one. One already exist and just needs to be updated. Too high traffic and congestion already at wis.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	Hartley is in a great location. There is no reason the school should close its doors. Remodel the school, make it work for the teachers and staff.	1 Strongly Oppose	This school district has abandoned more schools than anywhere else. The traffic is out of hand out by the other schools and we don't need more buses and more parents causing more congestion on that side of town. Not to forget teen drivers and elementary students walking. The new school isn't needed.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I don't want to see Hartley empty. Hartley holds so many memories for many people.	1 Strongly Oppose	I feel Hartley is in a very secure setting for the younger ages, you don't have to worry about the traffic of the highway when they are at recess. The intermediate school has way more upgrading to do than Hartley would have.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	We just passed the referendum for the high school, we have central building that sits mostly empty, we could easily put Hartley students there.	1 Strongly Oppose	Honestly waseca doesn't need another building to sit empty. We saw this with south side when the board decided to close it and sell it for cheap. what a slap in the face that was after putting a new boiler in it a few years before that.	I feel right now the best solution would be to move students to the Central building. I know the ALC and school age care are there right now but, I know they do not take up every class room. This is a bigger school that would allow students to have more room and we can utilize it better.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		1 Strongly Oppose	I feel like elementary kids and middle school kids need to have their separate spaces. Kids starting school need to be eased into the building, k-3 is large enough to send a new school age child.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		1 Strongly Oppose	I feel it would be too many students in one area with far too much traffic for those that walk and parents who drop students off.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support	I would support an upgrade in HVAC and the needed classroom remodels along with a gymnasium. I do not agree with the projected budget listed above for this work though. I feel it is unfair to our community to describe the lower level like it has been. There was no specifics given during the Facility Task Force Meetings as when the dampness issues occurred. I have been in the HVAC profession for 20 years and there are many things that can be done to fix some simple complaints. You can not hold the (2) 100 year floods accountable for "water issues", everyone in the community had issues those times. You cannot hold a broken sewer pipe accountable when it was repaired as needed. Those things are gone and done with. I could go on and on....	1 Strongly Oppose	There are many reasons such as making a K-12 campus on one block is small city thinking. We would be going backwards in our community. There will be a worse traffic congestion issue if this is done, you will leave a vacant hole in the community where Hartley is currently. If we are in dire need of room then lets utilize the Central building to its full capacity, this building is structurally sound, has high ceilings, has good HVAC systems, has 2 gymnasiums, 1 auditorium, a large lunch room and kitchen with plenty of classroom space. It is not being utilized like it could be. With material costs today I do not see the addition coming into this projected budget. If we do this addition what if Waseca grows as a community? We will then be out of space with K-6 at one location, it makes sense to add on to an elementary school in the future if we have that issue. You need to think long term on this.	The best way to go about this is to get the city council to buy in. They need to get businesses in our community to help with the tax bases. It is unfair to our community members what you are asking of. We have some of the highest property taxes in the surrounding communities and this will only help drive more people out of town. They are already talking about it. Also maybe you should have watched your spending a little closer on the High School remodel if this was such a need. That project went over budget if I remember correctly, it did not need to be such a state of the art building in a rural community like ours. If you want our community to grow then treat it that way, education is very important but you can learn anywhere just as long as you have a great teacher and that is what is important. There is nothing wrong with Hartley, it just needs some maintenance. You would not throw your house away if it needed a garage and new furnace.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	4 Support		1 Strongly Oppose	Use the building we already have	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	What is the cost of building a new elementary and repurposing Hartley for low-income housing? I would support that option even if tax dollars were more than this proposal.	5 Strongly Support	Repurpose Hartley to housing options; this is a huge crisis in Waseca County and we need resolutions for it.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I worry about the health and safety of students in this building. Its falling apart, there's mold and leaks. How many years will this last before more money will need to be invested again into an old building?	5 Strongly Support	This feel like the right answer for a long term solution and plan. Our students and staff deserve an updated space built for 21st century learning. The current building isn't built for collaboration. The education model and needs in a school building have changed dramatically since this was built.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	I'm not sure remodel is the best solution.	4 Support	A strong community is built with strong schools.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	uncertain about the cost effectiveness of remodeling an older building.	4 Support	new construction should be more cost effective	Would like to know the maturity date of the current bond authorization.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		4 Support	All the schools would be in the same vicinity of each other	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	remodeling the school is it necessary	4 Support	having the students located together will make it easier for parents	build a new school in a new location with better access
I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	I would support this if a new school was not built. I would rather see a little more money put into a whole new school other than just Band-Aiding the problem.	4 Support	Strong schools support a great community	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	Its been that way for decades	4 Support	I have kids in the schools	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Taxes are so crazy high in this town that has nothing !	4 Support	But at the same time taxes are already so crazy high for this small town.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I believe the timing of remodeling existing Hartley could interfere with day to day school routine. Construction rarely stays on schedule and would likely go well into the school year. I have kids who will be attending this school within the next 2 years and do not want them to deal with construction during their first few years of school. I am also concerned with the rumors of mold within the basement and maybe even the ventilation system. I would like to learn more about the construction schedule before I would submit a vote.	4 Support	I think utilizing the open space adjacent to WIS is a good idea. This provides a central location for our facilities and all grades. I would like to learn more about what other projects will be included in the bond. It is likely to see other projects slipped into referendums. I would like for the focus to be on the new facility only. What would be done with Hartley? Would you still operate Hartley during the new facility construction? Questions to be answered....I would not want Hartley to shut down until the new facility is open and ready for students. Furthermore, I would not want those young kids to be required to attend the Central Building for some crazy reason.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	They said the CIS building was unusable so they built the WIS but they are still using the CIS building for some things. Lets utilize the buildings that we have and not raise our taxes anymore.	3 Don't Know	same as above	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I don't own a home so it doesn't affect me and not sure being in the shoes of a person who does how it will affect them or not affect them.	3 Don't Know	Same reason as before.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	The cost of living in Waseca is just so high and with everything else going up people do not have any extra money to give right now.	3 Don't Know	The traffic in that area is awful and to add more kids for drop off and pick up would be a disaster. Also I just don't feel like anyone has extra money to give at this time. We don't know how high cost of living is going to get. Property taxes just increased and we have no industry in this town to help off set these costs.	Honestly I don't have a solution. But I don't think now is the time to ask for money.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I supprt the improvements but I dont know how i feel a out taxes going up, i already pay 4200 plus on property taxes a year, it's becoming too expensive	3 Don't Know	I support the growth and improvements I'm just not sure how I feel about my taxes going up, I already pay over \$4200 and it's just going to keep increasing ./	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	I would like to see some sort of estimated property tax increase for agricultural property owners, similar to how you have it broke down on the examples above for homeowners.	3 Don't Know	I would like to see some sort of estimated property tax increase for agricultural property owners, similar to how you have it broke down on the examples above for homeowners.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		3 Don't Know		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	From the areas I have been in everything seems fine. Maybe a little dated but fine	3 Don't Know	Not sure yet	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Taxes continue to rise every year in this town. On the other hand, I do understand schools are very important and I love Hartley. So, do we keep putting money into it or consider building new?	3 Don't Know	Same as above.	If you're saying it costs the same to build as to remodel, I say build. But, I'm guessing it would cost closer to 40-50 million. But please don't put up those stupid glass walks like the high school lol. Ps I love Harley, the staff and Mr. O'Brien!!
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	1. Because there is very little information about what will actually be done here. 2. We are already paying several hundred dollars a year for the school district improvements on our property taxes. 3. Because our property taxes are already so high and the keep climbing. 9% in 2020, 13% in 2021 and now another 9% for 2022.	3 Don't Know	1. Because there is very little information about what will actually be done here. 2. We are already paying several hundred dollars a year for the school district improvement on our property taxes. 3. Because our property taxes are already so high and the keep climbing. 9% in 2020, 13% in 2021 and now another 9% for 2022.	I don't know what the answer, as this is the first I am hearing of this proposal/issue. My questions are: Have you exhausted all other options to get the funding you want to make these changes without a bond referendum? Is there state or federal money you can apply for instead to cover the cost? Are there other ways to raise the funds needed besides adding it to our property taxes? Information on what has been done, if anything, to try to fund this project without adding to our property taxes would be helpful in making a decision on supporting either option or not.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		3 Don't Know		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		3 Don't Know		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	I feel I would need to know a lot more information as a business and land owner it would significantly reflect on our property taxes.	3 Don't Know	I would need to know a lot more information as states above.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Torn about if it's worth fixing or just building new.	3 Don't Know	Hate to see another school sitting empty. What would you do with Hartley if you built a new school? Might be nice to have all the schools in 1 area	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know		3 Don't Know		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Need more information	3 Don't Know	Need more information	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I really don't have enough information at this time.	3 Don't Know	I really don't have enough information at this time.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	3 Don't Know	I am a sub at Hartley so I am aware that it needs to be updated but as I am retired and with the economy I don't know if I can afford.	3 Don't Know	I strongly support the school but also need to be able to pay my own bills.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	I need to think about it	2 Oppose	That area is too congested already. Adding more students, teachers, buses, etc. to this area would just add to the congestion.	
I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	3 Don't Know	Not enough information is being provided to make an informative opinion.	1 Strongly Oppose	Tired of the mentality we need new all the time. Building cost are at a ridiculous all time high, and now is not a good time to be building. Waseca had so many empty buildings and failed businesses. We don't need to add another building to the list. This town needs new businesses before it needs another new school.	I can see Hartley needed updating to a point, but more information needs to be shared to the public. I'm finding it hard to believe a Partial remodel is just a much as building new.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Is enrollment declining ? Need more information	1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	School board did a crappy job making high school 'safer' by putting kids in a fish bowl with glass walls.	1 Strongly Oppose	School board and community need to learn to take care of what they have and 'make do' instead of expecting new all the time.	Reutilize central building. They closed South side then complain they don't have enough room.

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Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Not enough info	1 Strongly Oppose	Adding elementary kids to 4-6 grade building would be too many grades in 1 building. Just like too many in JR/SR High Building	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	3 Don't Know	Not sure how many more projects Waseca homeowners can afford to fund. The quick solution always seems to be increase property taxes; this is convenient for city council members but a burden on the every day residents who actually live within city limits and are paying it.	1 Strongly Oppose	Not necessary. Hartley is a suitable building. The location would be terribly congested at school start and drop times if all high school, intermediate, AND elementary students were crammed into the same part of town taking the same streets to and from school.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Why invest that much money in a 50+ year old building.	5 Strongly Support	Better use of funds for a brand new building which includes-I HOPE- additional gym space.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I would support this option if building new construction of Hartley was not an option. I think building a new Hartley is the best option.	5 Strongly Support	Something needs to be done & I think this is the best option. We need our staff and students breathing clean air, drinking safe water, and learning in a comfortable environment. That is not currently the case for many, unfortunately.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	For a similar cost, I believe it would be better to build a new construction close to WIS and the High School.	5 Strongly Support	Would be nice to provide new facilities for our students and keep the schools closer together for families with kids in multiple buildings.	N/A
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	You have a newer HS and WIS. It would make sense to bring the elementary up to the same. In my opinion having all the students near each other makes more sense than having to drive around town to get students.	5 Strongly Support	The first thing I will say is, I would strongly support this plan when/if the plan for the old elementary is? Do you have a plan for the old elementary? Will you follow through on it? You have a newer HS and WIS. It would make sense to bring the elementary up to the same. In my opinion having all the students near each other makes more sense than having to drive around town to get students.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	This building is old and trying to keep it remodeled does not seem to be the best way to spend dollars. This may be a fix for now but I see this being a continuing issue with this building. This site could still be used for community ed, other offsite programs such as transitional programs for 18-21 year, and the playground is still a great place for kids to play from the community. Also, having students in a basement or underground of a building has never been my thought of an ideal place for children to learn. We all need sunlight and windows.)	5 Strongly Support	When the Jr high now the WIS building was constructed, land was purchased with the future idea of having schools located in a central area. More of a campus type for education. This would seem to be a better use of dollars. Staff could be shared, transportation would be more centrally located and children would have a nicer, newer facility to receive their education. I think this is a great option and one that was put in place years ago as a viable option for K-12 for Waseca schools.	none at this time
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose		5 Strongly Support	Makes sense for busing, food service and other facility sharing options	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	The space is outdated. Too costly to renovate, need new building.	5 Strongly Support	It's needed to better support families & education. All schools should be on a "campus". In doing so, please improve logistics re: drop off /pick up.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	A remodel tends to leave the school with some of the same problems it currently is dealing with.	5 Strongly Support	Efficiency by way of reduced bus costs. This route can maybe help fixed some of the problems at WIS that we as community members have been informed of as well.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	A new elementary school needs to be built, as the existing Hartley School needs too many upgrades.	5 Strongly Support	A new up to date elementary school is desperately needed in our community to grow our community. We need ample space for the growing needs of our elementary students and to ensure a safe environment for all students and educators.	
I am currently retired	2 Oppose	Like Option 2 better. . . . many efficiencies.	5 Strongly Support	It creates a very efficient operation with unique possibilities.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I do not feel Hartley has the ability to house and support the learning community even with the upgrades. Even with improvements to the "workings" of Hartley, there are still many "needs" that are being overlooked that would directly work towards increasing student achievement and well-being. We would benefit from the addition to WIS.	5 Strongly Support	It has more potential for outward improvements that would be connected to student growth and well-being within the learning system.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	2 Oppose	I don't believe pumping money into an old building is the answer. We would just be putting a bandaids on the problem. If the cost is similar I would much rather put money into a new facility	5 Strongly Support	A strong school system is the heart of a healthy community. Our students and teachers deserve a safe, healthy and usable building. Hartley is past this stage. It will not get any less expensive to make these changes. The sooner a new building is built the better.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I think it would be better to build a new school	5 Strongly Support	A new school will be more structurally sound with less repairs needed on a yearly basis. Having it located near the other schools would be more convenient for parents, staff and students	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Hartley has many serious issues that need to be addressed: water, asbestos, flooding, heating/cooling, constant moldy odor to name a few. I believe it would cost as much or more to upgrade the existing building as it would to build new. Plus, Hartley is built on a former dump site. I would imagine the cost for mitigation of the ground would be cost prohibitive. Even if it were able to be upgraded for the same cost, you'd still have an old building. At some point, it no longer pays to put money into an old car; I believe Hartley is in this category.	5 Strongly Support	It would be less expensive and healthier for students and staff.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	It would still be an old building.	5 Strongly Support	This community educated me and my children, it is my turn.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		5 Strongly Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Don't waste money on old building that needs to be tore down. Tear down and sell land to develop into low income apartment	5 Strongly Support	Our students deserve a new building to learn in. These kids are our future.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	short term solution	4 Support		
I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	feel space is limited as well as parking in the current location, but losing the history of this building is sad	4 Support	A modern upgrade building would far exceed the value on many levels	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I feel adding to WIS is a better option	4 Support	In my opinion, for the difference in cost, adding to WIS would be a better option	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Students would still have classrooms in basement of building. Cost of addition to WIS with new school is almost same cost.	4 Support	The cost of addition on WIS is almost the same at remodel at old building. New design would allow smarter design and better use of space. A new space would also have little impact on current Hartley students learning while construction is happening.	Kindergarten or 3rd grade at Central Building??
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I like the idea of all the schools being in the same area. I m concerned with the pick up an drop off spots.	4 Support	I think I would like all 3 school in the same area	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	It seems like a large amount of money to put into an old building. I would be curious to know , however, what the plan is for Hartley if the other option were to pass.	4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	The cost to remodel is too close to the cost to build new. Building new has far more positive impact than remodeling the existing and already falling structure. Also, building new affords the opportunity to modernize and make the learning space inviting and useful for decades to come.	4 Support	The cost to build is close to the cost to remodel, and will have a much more positive impact. Building new affords the opportunity for a modern structure, current health and safety standards and equipment, and modern integration with WIS. Having the schools in a similar location will make bussing easier and have a positive impact on roadways around town. Transport for families with kids at multiple schools will be much better	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Proponent of building new.	4 Support	I would prefer an entirely new facility for Elementary and would support an increase in my taxes for it. HOWEVER, there needs to be transparency in the increase in RE tax as the last referendum ended up costing us significantly more than what was told to us. I fully support the schools, but want to know the true and accurate numbers.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	Given the two options, it seems building a new addition to WIS would be the long term solution. Hartley will continue to require upgrades. Having K-6 and 7-12 schools would allow us to consolidate some costs, share resources, and likely provide more efficient options. Theoretically, the community may be able to gain a little money back if there was a use for Hartley by the private industry.	4 Support	Given the two options, it seems building a new addition to WIS would be the long term solution. Hartley will continue to require upgrades. Having K-6 and 7-12 schools would allow us to consolidate some costs, share resources, and likely provide more efficient options. Theoretically, the community may be able to gain a little money back if there was a use for Hartley by the private industry.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Remodeling a building on a site that has so many structural challenges seems like throwing money into a hole in the ground.	4 Support	Consolidating your main educational facilities in one central location makes the best fiscal sense for the future of Waseca Public Schools.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	I don't feel it is worth continuing to put money into a building that needs replacing.	3 Don't Know	The traffic. I can not imagine the traffic. It's already such a zoo over there.	I'm not sure. Perhaps utilize the central building until a new building could be built in Hartley's current location?
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	I dont feel Hartley needs an expansion.	2 Oppose	I would like to see class numbers. Is the school truly out of room?	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Taxes are already outrageous in this town	2 Oppose	Again, taxes. Also, the traffic issue at WIS/High School is already crazy. To add in 100's of more students in the same area would be a disaster.	How many of these "needs" are actually wants??
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	Waseca's community is over-taxed the way it is. Bond referendum's are a joke because nobody holds anyone accountable for the money being spent. Prime example our brand new high school!	2 Oppose	Same reasons as above. Why was all this not maintained properly throughout the years? Why put all that money into it a few years ago when this was going to be the end result anyway? Everyone forgets about all the farmers in the area that have more than a quarter acre of land to be taxed.	What about hiring local contractors for cost management, fundraising for projects, what have other communities done in a circumstance like this?
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I'm indifferent. We JUST spent 35million on school upgrades and now you want to do it again? Deferred maintenance? What are you spending your money on? You fail to address issues as they come up and perform the maintenance as required and then force repairs on the public? My property taxes have gone up \$1000 in ten years (10% this year alone). But its only a cup of coffee a day? I've heard that so many times I owe you a cup of coffee a day now, I had to stop drinking it entirely. You built a performing art center that is underutilized because its too small to house everyone. Waste of money. I will not support spending this money at all without complete transparency. How much of it is going to pay raises for the teachers. how much is for the building, the technology upgrades will be outdated by the time it is paid off. What was done with the money provided the school district to maintain the buildings. These buildings have been around for ages. Surely this wasnt sudden. These issues didnt magically appear, why are these issues not budgeted for and then addressed?	2 Oppose	What would be done with hartley if you add on to WIS? you closed the central building because it was too much to maintain, but it isnt closed. And maintaining it costs the same. Will you sell off all the land for development? You cant keep adding more and implying it is a savings, obviously it is not.	Put a budget together with current funding that will pay for the needed improvements over time without being a burden on the tax payer.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose		2 Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Money should have been spent on Hartley before all the wasteful money went into the Jr/Sr High.	2 Oppose	Same as above.	Put the 3rd graders that are in the basement of Hartley over at WIS.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Our property taxes are already high as it is	2 Oppose	Our property taxes are already high as it is	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I have one student in the high school, my others do not attend in Waseca. I am already looking to move out of Waseca because the cost of living here is unbelievable when it comes to property taxes and utilities. I cannot afford another 100 per year jump for this!	2 Oppose	wasteful spending. How many empty buildings do we have?	not a complete overhaul - maybe address the necessary items?!

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	Taxes are already high enough. I find it odd that this option for just heating cooling and technology is so high compared to the options below with a completely new addition which would include heating and cooling.	2 Oppose	Same as above.	I don't feel there is anything that has been shared which explains what the breakdown is. I feel this cost seem too high for what needs to be done. Before you ask us for money have you checked for grants or donations or looked into other ways to raise money to keep our taxes down. With the 10% inflation right now without the wage increase to go with that I think more money is not feasible!
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We already have super high taxes and I think improvements can be made in a more cost effective way.	2 Oppose	Again we have already very high taxes and unused building and spaces that can be improved and renovated on a much lesser cost scale.	Fundraise for specific improvements, do not raise taxes.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We just had a big referendum and I don't feel that the district was good Stewart's of the money	2 Oppose		Small improvement for Hartley
I am currently retired	2 Oppose	I would be fine with improving air quality and HVAC system. Am not sure that you need to expand as school enrollments continue to drop, students and parents choosing alternative schooling and decreased birth numbers overall. You could move kindergarten over to Central as there is much underutilized space there and eliminate the non-school businesses renting space. Kindergarten at Central would tie in nicely with the early childhood ed already present there. There has been mention of the the old dump site at Hartley but that was considerably south of the building and blacktopped area and hasn't been an issue before. I attended there when Hartley first opened and both of my kids went there, too.	2 Oppose	I just really don't feel that you have had a sufficient space study done to determine how you could better utilize the space that exists and not immediately jump to there needing to be a new building. It's not really the matter of the increased taxes to me but is a concern when more alternatives are not considered before jumping to the conclusion that we need a new school. Central has been a great school-use it!	See above responses.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We have high enough property taxes in Waseca.	2 Oppose	We have high enough property taxes in Waseca.	Ask the city to fund you some money.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Waseca property taxes were just greatly increased and we are still paying off High School and Jr High referendums	2 Oppose	Why are we not utilizing the buildings that we currently have? Too many building new schools and closing of schools while the classroom sizes are currently the same number as 30 years ago? Why is "upgrading/repairing" costing as much as building new? We are spending more and more on educational building yet Waseca's job/business/housing growth is not? Who is to say in 10 or 15 years, there won't be enough students to fill these new schools with none of the above are growing?	Improve or shown job/business/housing growth before school growth. Without these three growths, Waseca may not have students to fill these schools.
I am currently retired	2 Oppose		2 Oppose		
I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	agriculture gets taxed the most and we no longer have kids in school...	2 Oppose	it also goes on acreage	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	I am the only income in our household and I can barely pay my monthly bills with my business being slow (family childcare). If I was at full capacity for children I would support completely.	2 Oppose	same as above	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I want my child to have a better school but I cannot afford anymore increases in taxes.	2 Oppose	Same answer as before. Things are too expensive as it is.	I think Hartley does need to be remodeled or rebuilt. However I feel there should be another way to pay for it other than making households who already pay for school supplies and such to have to pay more each year in taxes.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We have such a limited amount of industry, thus putting a tremendous burden on individual homeowners in this town. When you compare our property taxes to most other communities we are one of the top 4 in the state and for a town under 10,000 it is the top spot. There has already been an increase in the taxed values of homes in this town that is unprecedented and with those increases there is a automatic increase in the amount of money going to the schools. The bucket is not bottomless, it is nearing empty and you just can't keep asking for more. So much of this town is on a fixed income and you keep extracting more from those who have no skin in the game anymore. I know most people say a healthy school leads to a healthy community but I think Waseca is a different animal and doesn't hold true here any more. The perfect example is our population. It hasn't changed in over 10 years and that says we aren't growing and a community that isn't growing is losing.	2 Oppose	same as above	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We pay a ridiculous amount of property taxes the way it is now.	2 Oppose	See above.	Figure out ways to work with what we currently have.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	The remodel of the Waseca HS was high cost & did not include some basic essentials (for example, lockers for every student). Poor planning on other areas.	2 Oppose	See previous answer. Also, poor city planning on roadways.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I feel that is an extremely large amount to provide renovations for Hartley.	2 Oppose	That would leave the district with yet another unused building	Find a way to better use the resources that the district already has
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Because the last referendum was suppose to help with HVAC system at Hartley.	2 Oppose		Because why should we have to increase our property taxes yet again. What happened to the last referendum that was passed before when it was approved for the auditorium at the high school. Which can't fit all 7 thru 12th graders in it. I personal think that was a waste of money. I thought that HVAC was suppose to be upgraded with the last referendum Why not reopen the CIS and put the elementary kids in it. We already pay to heat and cool that building.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Taxes are high enough	1 Strongly Oppose	You don't need a whole new school, what would you do with the old school and site. Close it up like the other elementary school.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	My taxes are already higher than they should be in this town. There is already a referendum payment on my yearly taxes.	1 Strongly Oppose	We do not need another empty building sitting in our community. The CIS building is not being used to its full potential.	Find grants and other ways to fund this project. There are many schools that are looking at other ways to pay for things. I don't feel that the WPS is using their money in the most efficient way.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We have historically supported these referendums 100%, but at a time when we have seen such a significant increase in costs via inflation, this proposed increase in taxes can potentially cause a financial hardship for many residents.	1 Strongly Oppose	What would happen to the current Hartley building? We do not feel it makes sense to "abandon" a building just to build a new one, especially when the population of Waseca is not growing and is, in fact, shrinking.	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Move everyone to the the old intermediate school on old high way 14	1 Strongly Oppose	We have enough schools, just move classes around and make it work	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Switch the CIS and Hartley. Boom! More room! It's unnecessary. The taxpayers already had to fund repairs and enhancements to the High School which were mostly due to a failure of the schools to properly manage their facilities. "Deferred Maintenance" is literally just not doing things that were already paid for and planned.	1 Strongly Oppose	There is nothing wrong with the existing buildings.	Switch the Elementary school with the CIS school.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	We pay an outrageous amount for taxes in this town already. I'm all for better schooling and help for our kids but this town needs to figure out how to keep people here. Get people to build homes here, and get new businesses here. Everyone leaves and nobody comes because of how high our taxes are and there's nothing here. Fix that problem first. Just like them trying to develop the new city land on the south side of town for low income housing. We have enough of that and what would that bring to the community?? The only reason our people in charge wanted it, is because they would get state and federal money. I could go on for hours. Need new leadership!	1 Strongly Oppose	Numerous studies have shown that increased spending on schooling has little to no impact on learning and student outcomes. Maybe they could add some performance based incentives in which the taxpayers get their money back if these improvements don't actually lead to greater student outcomes.	Focus more on teaching and less on having shiny toys.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	2 Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose	Same answer as before.	I agree with repairs to Hartley. I was a student there when I was younger too. Obviously just everyday wear and tear and updates are needed. They can be handled better than millions of dollars and think of other ways to pay. Our taxes our stupid ridiculous and for what??? There's nothing here. Look at our industrial park for example. Used to be booming part of the community. Now just a handful of local small businesses. Which is good.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	I haven't seen what all the money would be spent on, it seems like more than what is actually needed.	1 Strongly Oppose	I don't believe the cost to remodel is the same as the cost to completely rebuild. I think the remodel costs have been inflated to push people towards building another new building.	Make the remodel quote public so people can see what all the money is being spent on.
I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	Stop inflating repair costs to match new building costs. No way hvac, roof and gym remodel cost 24 million.	1 Strongly Oppose	Taxes are going to go ballistic next year without adding a school. New schools need maintenance too. Repair and maintain Hartley. A new school will not bring new people to town.	Repair and maintain what we have.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	because you closed south side and you should have kept it	1 Strongly Oppose	because property taxes are already increased	no
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	2 Oppose	The town isn't growing. The taxes are already astronomically high. Not all businesses can afford the already high taxes. When the PAS was built they can't get the whole student body in. Stupid planning. If there could be a way that every taxpayer has the same increase instead of the farmers and business owners taking the brunt of it...we would be in full support.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as above.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	2 Oppose	Additional Gym space is not necessary to provide our students an education. I think it is time to look at building a new building. Interest rates are still low and the timeframe of having to do little or no maintenance on a new facility would be a benefit.	1 Strongly Oppose	Discarding the current building to build a new one is completely wasteful.	Look at utilizing the building we have. Consider reorganization of the Central Building.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	I would like to see all of the schools in one area. This would offer benefits to our parents for drop-off/pick-up, and less travel time for collaborations between the elementary and high school students.	5 Strongly Support	I believe a new building is the way to go.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Hartley has served its purpose but that's too much money for a remodel.	5 Strongly Support	I have been in Hartley and have seen the conditions that students and staff are dealing with. I am an advocate for the health and safety of our community members.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Would prefer a new school vs trying to fix what is broken in the old one. As time goes on more things are going to break overall costing more money than a new school.	5 Strongly Support	Better use of money and we are in desperate need of addition classroom and gym space.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Why prolong the inevitable?	5 Strongly Support	It would be better for the town and families to have the schools together.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Time to put that school out to pasture. It's served its purpose but not worth the money to fix up.	5 Strongly Support	New school=longer period of minimal maintenance	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Time to put that school out to pasture. It's served its purpose but not worth the money to fix up.	5 Strongly Support	Time to restructure and get our elementary kids into a safe and healthy environment.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Having all schools in 1 area is preferable	5 Strongly Support		
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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	In favor of new building rather than a remodel	5 Strongly Support	Like the idea of campus style school district. Potential for further changes to grouping of grade levels in this format rather than keeping k-3 students across town.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Add onto WIS its a nicer area kids are in one section makes it easier for parents	5 Strongly Support	Keep everyone together less money in bussing around schools	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	There are significant concerns regarding the building, water in the basement, air quality, etc.	5 Strongly Support	There is room for a large addition and it's definitely needed.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Too costly to bring the building up to code and standards for today's learners.	4 Support	Feel a new, state of the art facility makes more sense then patching and adding on to an old, outdated existing building.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Building is too old	4 Support	Better to have all schools in one area	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Still an old school that we will be dumping money into again in 10 years.	4 Support	Makes more sense to start over. Have all the students in one area of town. Only concern is what are you going to do with the existing school? Can't keep it too along with the expense of minimal maintenance... Also, taxes are becoming unaffordable. The city needs to attract commercial tax dollars to offset - this is a huge issue for Waseca. You are going to tax yourself out of a community at some point.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		4 Support		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Waste of money if you can build new for similar money	4 Support	Seems like the better value	

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Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	Still an old facility.....better to build new on one campus	4 Support	Hartley is old and low and will still have issues. New on one campus will be better. However, something needs to be done about the traffic issues.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Old building, for close to the same price build new. Think about transportation...students in one area.	4 Support	Put money into new building. Hartley is old and will continue to have issues with a remodel.	A thought: New building for K-5, Intermediate building for 6-8, and high school building back to 9-12.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	The Waseca School District has too many older facilities (excess capacity) for a decreasing student population.	4 Support	Consolidating our schools on the NW side of town would be more cost effective in the long run. For example, the maintenance and supporting staff functions could be consolidated with a centralized campus. In addition, we should review the costs of maintaining the old central building facility and moving those functions into a different, smaller, and more cost-effective facility. Since the taxpayers provided a new theater facility at the High School, why do we need the Central building facility? Overall, the school district needs to perform a bottoms-up facility usage study based on the decreasing population. Thus, far the school district has not shown the taxpayers what is really need and why. Asking the taxpayers to pay millions of dollars for a new elementary school gym just because it is inconvenient for the staff to reconfigure the gym into a lunchroom is insufficient justification. Especially since they have been successfully performing this task for the last 50+ years.	Overall, the school district needs to perform a bottoms-up facility usage study based on the decreasing population. Thus far the school district has not shown the taxpayers what is really needed and why. Our population is growing older and decreasing at the same time. Thus, the need for more classroom space surprises me as a taxpayer. Why are we keeping the central building open? We just built a new stage facility for the high school.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Lipstick on a pig. The Bus and driving drop off/ pick ups around Hartley are terrible	4 Support	There's plenty of land to build and it makes at more sense to have a comprehensive elementary school than dividing it into 2 different schools. You could combine staff roles and save money in the long run by having less total staff and safer bus and driving drop offs/ pick ups routes.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	old school. would be better to rebuild new	3 Don't Know	a better choice than the first option. I see that once again you are very carefully giving tax amounts for "town people" and not saying how much taxes will go up for farmers who own agricultural land. That is very poor. Farmers have paid for the bulk of the other school referendums and yet you pointedly ignore their concerns. The last superintendent went as far to say in public meetings that towns people should vote for the PAC referendum because "farmers are going to pay for most of it." How about you come out and talk to us and be honest about how much taxes will go up for the landowners. It's not like the county and state haven't jacked up property taxes enough for us too.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	I grew up learning in that school, my kids will do fine learning there also	3 Don't Know	They are taxing my ass so much that I'm going to lose my house, we don't need to quit spending money we don't have, quit following "our" president Brandon who also likes to spend money like it's water	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	It simply is a band aid on an old school. The HS remodel was great, but it never really was completed as there are areas that needed to be updated and weren't. In addition, if you saw the valuation notice for 2023 my property value is increasing by 32% and I have heard others are in the range of 20%-30%. So when I factor what the tax increase may be from that on top of rising costs of inflation (gas, groceries, etc.) and insurance, etc. adding additional amount right now provides less disposal income.	2 Oppose	I feel if something was to be proposed this would be the best option of the 2 as it provides new modern facilities. My only concern would be the traffic flow as it is awful already and would only become substantially worse with adding elementary school to the area. However, the financial impact isn't something the community is going to support right now. Individuals should be pushing their City Council members to bring businesses in to town to help lessen the tax burden on homeowners and this would be a much easier sell.	I simply think some time will have to pass before moving forward with this. As Waseca is an aging community with so many on fixed incomes that asking them to pay an additional \$50-\$200 a year isn't feasible for them right now with other costs.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Student pick up, bussing, and parking are a problem in this area as I live across the street from the school. The location isn't very appealing to upgrade these facilities	2 Oppose	I would support this if they added the CIS to the move	I would support this only if they shut the CIS down as well and move everything over by the HS and WIS. one general location would greatly reduce bussing logistics. Both CIS and Hartley would need to be sold or tore down to avoid maintaining those buildings. It's time to just start over and end Hartley and CIS
I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	We have spent enough on the school system - they should have kept the Middle School open	2 Oppose	They should have kept the Middle School open - we pay enough in taxes already	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Property taxes are already high compared to other areas. Mine are already going up 64. Mth. And already higher than lake crystal, new ulm, Mankato, other areas I considered buying a home. Property tax amounts here were higher which was why Waseca wasn't my first choice. But ended up having the house I wanted. Not many homes are 100,000 value anymore. Unless city makes adjustments people are going to be priced out of the homes here. That would mean 74 more a month.	2 Oppose	See above and with everything increasing our wages are not keeping up. Feels like I may need to sell my home 3 months after moving in!	It's not that it's not of best interest to the school. It's just not in the best interest of family's trying to pay for things. When they are increasing property taxes already if mine weren't already increasing 64.00 it wouldn't be so bad. And then knowing they will just increase over time is scary.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	We have CIS that should be utilized. Turn Hartley into the administrative building. CIS has 2 gyms and a separate lunch room. Use the buildings we have appropriately.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as above	Utilize CIS
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	The economy being what it is I would not support a referendum at this time. The custodial staff has been setting up and tearing down the lunch room for all these years and this does not affect the quality of education in my opinion. The other issues are more pressing but I still would not support at this time.	1 Strongly Oppose	Again the economy being what it is I would not support any referendum at this time. I would not support another education building largely due to the fact that we have space at the central building that goes unused already.	

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	The financial strain from inflation, job losses, pandemic, already increased property taxes (20% increase this year, personally), past referendums, levies, etc. have been overwhelming for most of our community. Its easy for financially well-off community members to ignore these increases and force another tax increase, but the difference could mean food or shelter, for some. Personally, I am having a hard time keeping track of where my taxes are going, already, with the exiting taxes. Our children will not suffer from the lack of improvements for the referendum. These are wants, and not needs. Recent years, have built a totally new school, totally remodeled the high school, and made improvements to the rest. The funds granted to the schools from the pandemic could be used for some of the improvements, instead of taxing the community. It seems the schools have evolved into more of a business than learning institutions. We need not compete with other communities on an optical level at the expense of taxpayers. The use it or lose mentality needs to stop, as well. Try exploring, use it somewhere else with greater need. Show mercy for the taxpayers of the community, for once, as the last few years have been difficult for many, and the current federal administration is an ally to inflation. The stimulus checks helped with inflation and bills, unemployment is no longer, and worker pay has been unchanged. Increasing bills and stagnant worker pay is not a sustainable recipe.	1 Strongly Oppose	At this point, you seem to be throwing darts hoping to make something stick. Do we really NEED to spend the taxpayers money? Will these children not be able to attend school without it? How much of this request is administrative, non-value added? Seems like a lot of money, so where is it all going, exactly? Could taxpayers request an itemized bill for this transaction when it is completed? The financial strain from inflation, job losses, pandemic, already increased property taxes (20% increase this year, personally), past referendums, levies, etc. have been overwhelming for most of our community. Its easy for financially well-off community members to ignore these increases and force another tax increase, but the difference could mean food or shelter, for some. Personally, I am having a hard time keeping track of where my taxes are going, already, with the exiting taxes. Our children will not suffer from the lack of improvements for the referendum. These are wants, and not needs. Recent years, have built a totally new school, totally remodeled the high school, and made improvements to the rest. The funds granted to the schools from the pandemic could be used for some of the improvements, instead of taxing the community. It seems the schools have evolved into more of a business than learning institutions. We need not compete with other communities on an optical level at the expense of taxpayers. The use it or lose mentality needs to stop, as well. Try exploring, use it somewhere else with greater need. Show mercy for the taxpayers of the community, for once, as the last few years have been difficult for many, and the current federal administration is an ally to inflation. The stimulus checks helped with inflation and bills, unemployment is no longer, and worker pay has been unchanged. Increasing bills and stagnant worker pay is not a sustainable recipe.	Don't just spend taxpayers money to spend taxpayers money. These schools are not crumbling and serve the purpose of the learning institutions and the children attending. Look elsewhere for funds, such as state or federal, as there has an overwhelming amount of relief from the pandemic and I'm sure you received some. Give the taxpayers a break, for once, and allow them to get back on their feet from a financially challenging few years, and a few more years to come. Waseca schools like to wear the pants, but our communities underwear is full of holes.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Waseca property taxes are more than comparable cities closer to the cities. Greed and envy continue to increase our property taxes to the point where it is near impossible to have a single income family within waseca anymore. We are being taxed out of our home.	1 Strongly Oppose	See above.	I feel the two options presented to the community were intentionally figures close in dollar amount, so that the clear desire for the addition to WIS to create a "one campus" will be approved. This is not fiscally responsible, it is deceitful and tricky. There may be repairs needed at Hartley. However, to present one option of \$24-30 million is unkind.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	We still have a bond from 2015 for 30 mill dollars not fully paid. Another bond even for 21 mill will bring more burden on the individual families and the businesses reside in Waseca. With every year increase of our taxes(city, county, school), current inflation rate, not sure how people can make to live in Waseca. I do understand that Hartley needs a work but we need to look the bigger picture, if the families leave Waseca because of the tax burden increasing every year, we will not have children to use our remodeled or new facility.	1 Strongly Oppose	We still have a bond from 2015 for 30 mill dollars not fully paid. Another bond even for 21 mill will bring more burden on the individual families and the businesses reside in Waseca. With every year increase of our taxes(city, county, school), current inflation rate, not sure how people can make to live in Waseca. I do understand that Hartley needs a work but we need to look the bigger picture, if the families leave Waseca because of the tax burden increasing every year, we will not have children to use our remodeled or new facility.	Use Long term facility maintenance to maintain the school needs as best as we can based on our budget. Partner with City ad Count to try bring more business to town that would bring more families with children , build new houses apartments for those families that they stay. Wait another 2 years and try this again in 2 years.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	As a tax payer, I have to live within my means. If my house needs repairs, I have to sometimes do without in order to keep food on the table.	1 Strongly Oppose	As a tax payer, I have to live within my means. If my house needs repairs, I have to sometimes do without in order to keep food on the table.	Find a way to live within your means.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	We are a young farm family. We pay A LOT of money for the current bond. I currently work for the school district and feel no one is thinking about how much money farm families pay a year in taxes for the school buildings. The amount we pay puts a strain on our family, we can't fathom adding more to what we pay.	1 Strongly Oppose	We are a young farm family. We pay A LOT of money for the current bond. I currently work for the school district and feel no one is thinking about how much money farm families pay a year in taxes for the school buildings. The amount we pay puts a strain on our family, we can't fathom adding more to what we pay.	I think we need to best utilize our buildings.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	I believe we should be utilizing the Central Building rather than the Hartley building.	1 Strongly Oppose	Traffic at the intermediate building is already crazy. Again, utilize the Central Building.	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Won't be having a child in the school district anymore next year! Plus I don't live in waseca	1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	I was under the impression when they removed 4th grade from Hartley Elementary the classrooms in the basement were no longer used. Our community is not growing. I'd be curious to know the enrollment demographics for our school system. Leadership needs to have a clear vision on usage of space. Years ago, the community of Waseca was told Central (CIS) was in such disrepair and needed so many of the things you are claiming Hartley needs, yet it has never been taking off the burden of taxpayers to stop maintaining, utilities/custodial etc. The school appears to still be very functional, active and we are still paying for it. The idea of putting another school out near the current WIS and HS is the worst idea ever. Traffic flow for one is horrendous. A good number of kids are transported by parents/personal vehicles. I believe the individuals suggesting such improvements have champagne taste on a beer budget! I'd like to see the statistics of how many teachers/staff members from the Waseca Public Schools actually LIVE in the Waseca School District! Put your money where your mouth is! Raise your families in our district, support local commerce, pay property taxes!!	1 Strongly Oppose	You want a multi-million dollar gym (which I would support an additional gym) so custodians don't have to put up and take down lunch tables - do the math - \$25/hr?	Make repairs as needed. We need to offer a good education for our students. We don't need all new facilities. Require anyone that receives a paycheck from the district to live in this community.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Our property taxes are already too high and going higher. It's only been five years since the last 30million dollar increase and to think no other referendum would be proposed in the next 20 years is insane. We don't need anything more for Hartley. Stop this now.	1 Strongly Oppose		

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Because taxes in this town are already outrageous. South Side was closed and sold for nothing and could've been used. CIS isn't being used to it's full potential.	1 Strongly Oppose		Our children are going to learn the same in current Hartley, just as they will in a 33 million dollar addition. How much money was JUST spent at the High School for updates? It doesn't grow on trees!!
	1 Strongly Oppose	First, we sold Southside School for pennies on the dollar. Second, we have the old central school barely being utilized. Third, if you build a new school, Harley will probably be sold for pennies on the dollar. Fourth, taxes in this town are extremely high already. It's always the homeowners that end up paying for all this and most get nothing out of it. Just like the water Park we had to have and then pay someone a huge wage when it's only open a few months. And you wonder why people don't want to live in Waseca. Maybe put money toward a grocery store so everyone can utilize it and bring more jobs to this town.	1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	This is ABSOLUTELY UNNECESSARY spending. Why aren't we utilizing central and south side was sold, foolish!	1 Strongly Oppose	Use the buildings that you have!	Use what you have, there is ABSOLUTELY NO NEED to add on with declining enrollment.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	I just feel like the one's that foot the bill for these projects are the farm land owners . Also the example's above don't include what the tax increase would be for the farm land taxes.	1 Strongly Oppose	My feelings are the same as above	Make use of what your have And try to minimize cost with whatever you do.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	I feel less money could be used to update the school. Waseca is a declining town with increasing taxes with nothing to show for it. We just put 30million into a high school for a auditorium that doesn't fit the whole school. In my eyes the city is very wasteful with there money and push businesses away instead of bring them in.	1 Strongly Oppose	I feel less money could be used to update the school. Waseca is a declining town with increasing taxes with nothing to show for it. We just put 30million into a high school for a auditorium that doesn't fit the whole school. In my eyes the city is very wasteful with there money and push businesses away instead of bring them in.	I feel less money could be used to update the school. Waseca is a declining town with increasing taxes with nothing to show for it. We just put 30million into a high school for a auditorium that doesn't fit the whole school. In my eyes the city is very wasteful with there money and push businesses away instead of bring them in.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Central is sitting empty	1 Strongly Oppose	Central is sitting grossly under utilized	why is the central building not included here? It was fine for use during the covid pandemic
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Property taxes have greatly increased in recent years for every homeowner I know. Our nation is entering a recession and inflation is high. Hartley has served our kids well for many years. Now is not the time for expensive changes.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as above	This is a time to continue utilizing our current facilities without major changes. Another option could be to better utilize CIS. Perhaps move a few grades there? Our children have always loved when they can attend there and it is not being fully utilized now.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	This is a stupid waste of money. The schools are fine the way they are. Stop spending money on this .	1 Strongly Oppose		
		This community is not growing so why do we need additional space? The old middle school had the same problems and the community was told it was to costly to maintain but it is still operating and still being maintained. Property taxes in the town are quite a bit higher than other communities already. I think the scope of the project is way, way too large. We already built a new Junior High and remodeled the high school and now a new elementary school - way too much for this community to take on! I don't appreciate making the scope of the repairs to Hartley the same cost as a new school. That is just playing with numbers!!!!	1 Strongly Oppose	See my previous answer	Get real on your scope and look at the real needs. It's no where close to 30 million and stay within your budget. The people of Waseca have more than supported increased costs with the HS remodel and the new Junior High
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Not needed at this time.	1 Strongly Oppose		Stop trying to get a new building and just teach the kids.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	We already pay enough in taxes in this town	1 Strongly Oppose	Taxes are high enough	What's wrong with the central building that has free space in it
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Way to expensive. Use the Central building again. Just because owatonna is wasting money on a new school waseca dosent need to as well. Our towns population shrank no need for new taxes.	1 Strongly Oppose	The taxes in waseca are redicouls. More expensive for less oportunities then owatonna.	Start using the Central building again it has three floors and multiple classrooms on all floors.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Taxes are high enough, shut down Hartley and move them to the cis	1 Strongly Oppose	It's a waste of money, quit spending money like water, talk to our city council and tell them pull their heads out and quit running businesses and potential businesses out of town	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	The town is not growing and we saw what happened at the high school. Waste on exterior and landscape. If it was a growing town classrooms should only be added. A lot of people are still having trouble covering basics.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as above. I will vote against both	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	because the last remodel is still not 100% done and options for students went backwards instead of forward.	1 Strongly Oppose	too much of an increase for taxes and the school spends money in ways that could be improved and not so wasteful.	Improve how you spend the money that you currently have and make better use of your staff
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	The last referendum that passed to update the high school resulted in unnecessary upgrades that seemed to be a waste of taxpayers' money.	1 Strongly Oppose	There are school buildings in town that are being under utilized as of now.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		Use the central building
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Why should I have to pay for the city to indoctrinate someone else's kids to believe things that I philosophically disagree with?	1 Strongly Oppose	See my previous answer.	Yes — eliminate public schools altogether.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Bad timing, with inflation and the likely decline in the US economy in the next two years this is something almost no one can afford right now.	1 Strongly Oppose	Bad timing, with inflation and the likely decline in the US economy in the next two years this is something almost no one can afford right now.	Struggle through like the rest of us. Maybe we should cut the police department funding for a few years to offset this.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	Because the damn taxes go up every year and with each referendum that passes alot of the money is wasted.	1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	We have enough classrooms and school space not being used already. We don't need more. And the mismanagement of funds throughout the years, shows that we don't need this. We need to make sure with what we have. As waseca is a dying town because of property taxes to begin with!!!	1 Strongly Oppose	We have enough classrooms and school space not being used already. We don't need more. And the mismanagement of funds throughout the years, shows that we don't need this. We need to make sure with what we have. As waseca is a dying town because of property taxes to begin with!!!	Utilize the central building and make repairs to Hartley
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Unnecessary. To many taxes here.	1 Strongly Oppose	Ditto	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Still paying for High School remodel	1 Strongly Oppose	Current tax level to high with current school tax	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Tax Levy already to high. Not affordable for residents. Live within your means	1 Strongly Oppose	Need to pay for current levy first	With declining population in Waseca. Use current facilities.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	Our property taxes are way out of control already and with them wanting to up our house prices for no reason next year will really impact the already skyrocketing costs of property taxes.	1 Strongly Oppose	See answer above	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		Fix the issue in the current school
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Taxes are insane in this town already	1 Strongly Oppose	Again taxes are insanely high in h th is town already	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	\$21 million would build a whole new school and probably like the last Highschool referendum most of it would go to the teachers	1 Strongly Oppose		The only way I'd approve any of these is if WEM JWP and WPS merged to justify more space and/or a new school. Build a new jr sr school on the corner of CR53 and CR5. Convert the current jr/sr school to a elementary school. I'd approve a \$100 million dollar referendum at that point. Then we could have school buses actually owned by the schools and be able to bus in the kids from those other towns, decreased in town traffic around start and end times, a school owned hockey rink, and bring back real world classes like auto/diesel mechanics. NRHEG makes it work with a 80 kids per class size so why can't we?
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	PAY ENOUGH TAXES IN THIS TOWN AND IT IS TIME TO MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT WE HAVE AS WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT GETTING MORE STUDENTS/RESIDENTS COMING TO THIS TOWN.....	1 Strongly Oppose		MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT WE HAVE.....
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
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Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	We just wasted a bunch of unnecessary money put into the other schools. This should have been thought about in the begging. You wanted so much money put into the high school and made it so unsafe with windows all over for class rooms. You made it look like a collage. This is not a collage this is a high school. The extra money you put into for the drama/music/ arts was the biggest waste of tax payers dollars. You need to go back to how did school look when you were a child. If you keep raising taxes for dumb issues like this people will start to move out of town. We already have taxes that are outrageous. Pretty soon the people that work hard and like their neighborhoods are going to have to move because the taxes are to high and they will move out of Waseca. We do not have the funds for this school nor do we need to. If that is the case than start to bus kids to different towns and add schools together! Stop wasting tax payers dollars! I would personally like to see numbers of how many teachers are from town and see what teachers or anyone wants this school that are not from town! They aren't the ones that are stuck paying taxes on this. If you think making a school look better and will help them "teach" better than you better find teachers that can teach and not have to worry about what their classrooms look like. Or move them all over to CIS where it's a wast of space anyways and put the preschool and school age care over to Hartley. Again, Stop wasting tax payers dollars! When it comes to HVAC you should have thought about that before you wasted money on the high school. It's called get your priorities right before you come up with a dumb idea like this.	1 Strongly Oppose	Done wasting money! Read above	Already stated my opinion read the first comment
I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	The Intermediate School is already closed to students and classes. This space used to be a school. Southside already closed. We have already had referedums in the past. There are better ways that would help increase productive members of society to students with real-world teaching. There is no point in fixing utilities at schools if teachers also push school at home or via skype instead of in place as well.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same as the other reason. The schools are allocated funds that are available to them. They do not wisely spend or budget out these finances. Instead, it is spent on space and not on students and what is best FOR students and their overall success for the future.	Look at the Intermediate School and that space that is available, look at using already vacant buildings in the community such as the Old Dollar Store to remodel and make into a school or building. There is no need for a new building, but rather more fiscal budgeting that is conservative and keeps the student's interests in mind not pointless spending.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	As a Farmer or business in this county WE pay the majority of these referendums. The way this district has wasted money building and remodeling facilities has not been fiscally responsible. If you want to be truthful in who actually pays the bills You need to put into your synopsis of the price people for the referendum what the average size farm is in this county, the average size of business in this county and what WE actually pay. Of course you wont because if the average voter saw what we pay you will struggle passing these. The last referendum that went through was supposed to have, I think 1 million, for the Ag and Votech departments and from what I have heard that didnt happen. Waseca County has 80% of the jobs related to agriculture and we are facing major defects in Skilled trades and theses departments are lacking in this school system. If you want to pass these Referendums you need to balance out who actually pays for them.	1 Strongly Oppose	See above post	Why do we keep needing more schools when the numbers continue to drop in enrollment

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Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	There is nothing wrong with the school! Do a few updates and call it good! It'll cost a lot less than a whole new school. Our taxes are already too high for what we have! A new school will not solve a dying town!	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	USE WHAT WE HAVE! The old intermediate building is empty!	Update what needs to be updated. The kids have enough room in the schools we have. Enrollment is declining quit wasting our money!
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Property taxes are already high and increase every year	1 Strongly Oppose	Property taxes are already high and increase every year	I feel like the schools need to have better planning then relying on property taxes. I also feel many of the upgrades recently completed at the highschool were frivolous and unnecessary. Home owners get stuck paying the bills.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	When you do a building bond, agriculture and business gets taxed unfairly. When a house hold gets taxed a couple hundred dollars a year, a farm gets taxed on their residence also, but also gets taxed on every acre they own. When you do this, you are taxing their ability to make a living off those acres, it costs thousands of dollars for a farmer versus a couple of hundred for a average homeowner. The fair way is tax everyone on a house, garage and one acre like a operating levy or tax residential on their income like you do farmers. Farmers, Also is this a planned maintenance failure, has the school been neglected on purpose for these options to be considered. I have seen this happen in neighboring districts, it is inexcusable! Why haven't you told what the increase in taxes would be for AG and businesses, they will pay the majority of the bond.	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose		You get buy with what you have, step up your maintenance a little and quit whining about your wish list!
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose	Why expand if enrollment is down nearly 6% (107) students over the last 3 school years? If there is an air quality/hvac issue why hasn't it been corrected in the past? Air exchange units / hvac can very easily be installed by local contractors for a lot less than \$24 million. An average home owner can install an air exchange unit without even hiring a contractor. I have seen it done. Obviously additional gym space is not needed as enrollment continues to drop. The example of new taxes to residents is out of touch. What would be the tax increase to a land owner of 160 acres or a business trying to remain in Waseca. Check out the empty business buildings in Waseca. How many more would leave town as more taxes are levied?	1 Strongly Oppose	Constructing another new building does nothing but create another empty one. South Side Elementary seems a little more valuable now that a possible "new build" is in the wind. How much of the South Side Elementary sale is still available to fund a remodel / new build. By the way, what was the sale price of South Side? Here again, what is the new tax for a 160 acre tract of land or a current Waseca business? Does the building create better student achievement results measured by testing? How about spending \$24 million on updated teacher qualifications / teaching techniques rather than new classrooms and desks. Maybe it wouldn't quite take \$24 million to accomplish this.	Utilization of current buildings already in the city. Central Middle School, Sacred Heart unused space, Cash Wise/Hy Vee building. Past history indicates a pretty bad batting average. Ag School campus could have been purchased for \$1.00, South Side Elementary was sold way under market value. Also could you please publicize the cost of this survey? Thank you for making an effort to take the pulse of the owners, hopefully you will give it considerable thought.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Didn't we just spend a bunch of money on Hartley (boiler system?) with some of the \$30 million of the previous referendum? So now we are going to jump ship? What kind of information can you show us that there is an air quality issue? As far as the lunch room/gym, its been like that since I was there in the 80's. That's why we pay custodians.	1 Strongly Oppose		If Hartley is actually in such poor condition than we should look at other available space such as the central building, seems to be plenty of space there. I think you have taxed us to the max. This school district has a long history of wasting money on buildings. If we have "extra" money to spend it should be on more teachers and smaller class sizes. Buildings don't make kids smarter.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	our taxes in this town are high enough and what is going to bring more students to this school system besides nothing. we have plenty of buildings that can be used.... Cost of tax increase	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	lots of elderly people in this town living on limited income and things just keep going up. ridiculous!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Cost of tax increase	Make due with what we have.....that is what I was taught..... if you don't have the money don't do it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	My taxes already went up \$400 this year make do with what you got. Are we even done paying on the last referendums. If this referendum goes through I'll be pulling my kids and taking away your pupil dollars As a retired and family with children our property taxes are so high now. I think we will lose families in our community as we'll tax them out of town.	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	Make do with what you got our taxes already high	Yeah sell one of the buildings. Going to have to figure out a way to work with what you have
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	too much of a tax burden on an already over taxed community	1 Strongly Oppose	same as above	Work with what the district already has
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	Deal with what you have. The economy sucks and is getting worse. What a stupid time to ask for money. This damn town is gonna tax me right out of my house.	1 Strongly Oppose 1 Strongly Oppose	Nobody has any money. No way!!!	Deal with it, there are schools that are in way worse shape than Hartley!!! I will vote no all the way!!!
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	These schools are fine. There is no reason these costs are this high. Fix only the main issues. These kids have gone this long with no issues. Teach the kids and be done	1 Strongly Oppose	These schools are fine. There is no reason these costs are this high. Fix only the main issues. These kids have gone this long with no issues. Teach the kids and be done	Yes only fix the actual problem or issue. Fix the mold asbestos in the Hartley school and be done. I guess they should have figured that out instead of building on the old landfill. The CIS building is the most solid school start using that for what it should be a school. Stop building new schools. Use what we have. These buildings are solid. If they can be flipped into apartment they most definitely can stay as schools.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	The schools in Waseca are never happy with anything, always wanting more.	1 Strongly Oppose	Foolish, Use the old WIS building they put all that money into.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	This country is in an economic crisis and u want more money! This is not the right time! People are broke and have no money to give!	1 Strongly Oppose	People are broke and can't afford it!	Deal with what you have! We have a better school then a lot of other cities have!

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I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose	That's too much money	To much money for us tax payers
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Why not use the buildings we have. Taxes are already to high. I graduated in Waseca and student population is way less now with more schools. Don't understand reasoning behind any additions or new school.	1 Strongly Oppose	Not needed. To many excuses to get new buildings. Ut	Utilize what you have. What's wrong with old Cis building. Waseca can't afford all this. Kids aren't smarter I n new buildings.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	The city needs to work on economy growing and housing or there will be empty classrooms.	1 Strongly Oppose	Again, see above answer	Utilize the current Hartley and Community Ed Center building.
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Too many taxes here.	1 Strongly Oppose	Too many taxes stop stop stop	
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household	1 Strongly Oppose	Property tax are high enough. Some owners are on fixed incomes	1 Strongly Oppose	Property taxes are high enough. Some people are on fixed incomes.	the city needs to stop their spending and be fiscally responsible. Stop growing government just so you can raise taxes and stop raising taxes so you can grow government. At some point you must realize you are pushing people away from our city.
I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	Our taxes are already driving away businesses and residents. We are getting priced out of our own homes due to the extreme taxes we pay. This city needs new management as the leaders are destroying it. You need to start living within your means and not run this city as if it has unlimited funds. If I wasn't busy running a company, I would run for a seat to help this change. There is much I would like to say, but this is the highlighted version of the issues I have with this town.	1 Strongly Oppose	Same answer as above.	Manage your money better. We are one of the highest taxed counties in the state. This city wastes so much money and expects more because of poor money management skills.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired	1 Strongly Oppose		1 Strongly Oppose		
					I am a graduate of WHS Class of 1982. I own a business, pay real estate taxes, and I do not/did not have kids in the Waseca Public School system. However, I have no problem supporting a good education for everyone. I think a good education is very important. If I read correctly in the financial report, the Waseca school system has had a decreasing enrollment over the years. It appears this loss is expected to continue. During that time, the facilities have grown substantially, both the academic and the sports programs. The graduates do not appear to be substantially smarter, some might argue they are less so. To be fair, this is not something that is happening only in Waseca, it is a nationwide overspending problem. The taxpayers are now being asked to supply up to \$33 million to increase facilities that are already larger and fancier than will be needed. This, for the current 482 student enrollment at Hartley. That is just under \$70,000 per student. Is spending that kind of money on a facility going to get us better educated children? I would guess not. If the people doing the financial planning for this project wish to go ahead with it, I would prefer they take out a loan from a financial institution, like every other business does. The loan payments should be figured into the budget, as is normal business practice. When \$33 million is amortized, the size of the payments will make it apparent how silly this proposed project is. The school system needs to keep spending below income, as is the case with any other business. I do not think the taxpayers should be saddled with this. I did not write this to punish the kids, or to cut their education. I believe everyone deserves a good education, as I received. I also believe the current Waseca Public School system facilities are more than adequate to accomplish this. Thank you for your time.
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I own and/or operate a business in the Waseca community, I own and/or operate agricultural property in the Waseca community	1 Strongly Oppose	I believe the school system needs to work with the revenue that is currently available, without asking the taxpayers for more money.	1 Strongly Oppose	I believe the school system needs to work with the revenue that is currently available, without asking the taxpayers for more money.	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household, I am currently retired			5 Strongly Support	All buildings in same ground is important and Hartley is pretty old. Better to build new	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household			5 Strongly Support	We do not need 4 buildings to maintain. With one less building there should be cost savings. We would or should save a principal, head custodian, building manager in food service, office manager. Among others. If you show the savings to the public they will vote for it. If not this will not pass. The ball is in your court!	
Resident-I do not have current WPS students living in my household			4 Support		
Resident-I have current WPS students living in my household					I already filled out a survey, but after doing so I read some of the school board minutes. I found a chart on there that shows our enrollment has decreased by about 200 in the last 4.5 years. Why on earth would we put up a new building when we have ample space available and declining enrollment? Proof that the \$30 million referendum didn't bring more people to Waseca and that taxes are killing our businesses.